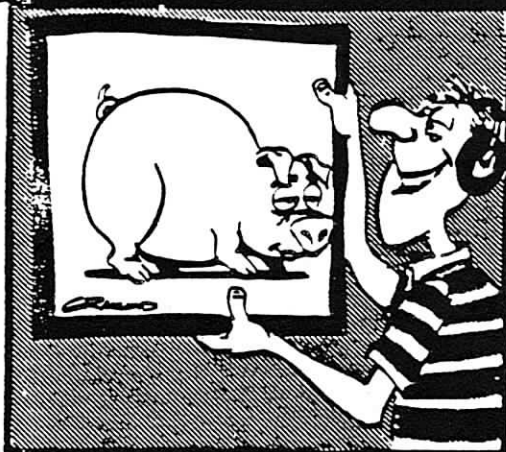


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THE FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION MEETS
THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. AT
THE DANFORTH MUSEUM. ALL AMATEURS AND PERSONS
INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.
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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FRAMINGHAM AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH, 1983 AT OUR ASSOCIATION STATION LOCATED IN THE DANFORTH MUSEUM STARTING AT 7:30 P.M.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING WILL BE RICK BEEBE K1PAD OUR DEDICATED VICE DIRECTOR AND SCM FOR THE EASTERN MA AREA. RICK WILL DISCUSS THE NEW PLANS OF THE ARRL AND THE FUTURE OF AMATEUR RADIO DURING THIS, "THE WORLD OF COMMUNICATIONS YEAR." IT SHOULD BE VERY INTERESTING AND I'M SURE IF YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR BEEF OR QUESTIONS ABOUT ARRL, RICK WILL GLADLY ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

THIS IS THE LAST MEETING BEFORE OUR SPRING FLEA MARKET TO BE HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTER WHERE OUR FALL FLEA MARKET WAS HELD. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN KEEP THE FLEA MARKET THE SUCCESS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST IS BY THE WHOLE-HEARTED PARTICIPATION OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HANDLE THE MYRIAD OF TASKS NECESSARY FOR A SMOOTH OPERATING EVENT. MAC WA1IGL AND HIS SON IN LAW MIKE HAVE BUILT A RAMP TO FACILITATE THE MOVING OF HAND TRUCKS UP THE STAIRS INTO THE BUILDING. THIS ALSO MAKES IT EASIER FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND WHEEL CHAIR SHOPPERS AND SELLERS TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE BUILDING. BE A VOLUNTEER ON SUNDAY APRIL 10TH 1983, WE NEED YOU FOR PART OR ALL OF THE DAY, SO, DON'T BE SHY, WE HAVE PLENTY OF JOBS TO GO AROUND.

WHEN YOU ARE ON THE AIR, REMIND YOUR FELLOW AMATEURS ABOUT OUR FLEA MARKET, THE BIGGEST AND BEST IN EASTERN MASS. SEE YOU AT THE MEETING...

**** LAST MEETING ****

K1AZE, OUR PRESIDENT KEPT THE BUSINESS SECTION OF THE MEETING SHORT SO WE COULD ALL LISTEN TO THE TELECONFERENCE NET WHICH STARTED AT 8:15 P.M. BOB GETTYS N1BRM AND LEW BROUGHT THEIR 2 METER RIGS WITH EXTENSION SPEAKERS AND ALL COULD HEAR VERY WELL.

I THINK THAT THE TELECONFERENCE NET SHOULD BE AT LEAST A ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS EVENT WITH VARIOUS ARRL OFFICIALS FIELDING QUESTIONS IN THEIR AREAS OF EXPERTISE, IT MAKES ARRL A LITTLE NEARER AND HUMAN, NOT JUST A BUNCH OF GUYS AND GALS DOWN IN NEWINGTON TRYING TO THINK UP WAYS TO AGGRAVATE THE REST OF US.

THE NEXT TELECONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 2, 1983. THE SUBJECT WILL BE, " ANTENNAS AND ANTENNA SYSTEMS, WHERE IS THE STATE OF THE ART GOING."

THE SPEAKER WILL BE JOE REISERT W1JR, A PRINCIPAL ENGINEER AT WANG LABS AND AUTHOR OF MANY ARTICLES ON EME, UHF, ANTENNA DESIGN AND TVI. IF YOU HAVE HEARD JOE SPEAK BEFORE THEN YOU KNOW HIS TALKS ARE ACCURATE, PRACTICAL AND INTERESTING.

JUNE 2ND IS A MEETING NIGHT OF FARA AND I SUGGEST WE TAKE A VOTE ON BRINGING THE 2 METER RIGS AGAIN TO THE MEETING OR SHOULD WE TAPE IT AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE, AS JUNE 2ND IS OUR ELECTION NIGHT...

**** EDITORIAL ****

I HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY LISTENING TO THE PROS AND CONS FOR A NO CODE AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE. SO FAR, I HAVE NOT HEARD ONE VALID ARGUMENT TO DROP THE CODE REQUIREMENTS. YOU TOO HAVE PROBABLY HEARD ALL THESE STATEMENTS. I THINK ITS OLD FASHIONED, I DON'T USE IT, ALL I WANT IS 2 METER CAPABILITIES TO TALK TO MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHILE I COMMUTE TO WORK. I WANT THE ABILITY TO MAKE, MOSTLY UNNECESSARY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM MY CAR. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT "I" NOT "WE" IS THE DOMINANT THEME IN THESE STATEMENTS. A REFLECTION, I THINK, OF THE TIMES. THE "ME" FIRST GENERATION IS SPILLING OVER INTO AMATEUR RADIO.

IF YOU WILL READ AGAIN WITH ME, THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING AMATEUR RADIO. (A) RECOGNITION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE VALUE OF THE AMATEUR SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AS A VOLUNTARY NON-COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDING EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. (B) CONTINUATION AND EXTENSION OF THE AMATEURS PROVEN ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE RADIO ART. (C) ENCOURAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE THROUGH RULES WHICH PROVIDE FOR ADVANCING SKILLS IN BOTH THE COMMUNICATION AND TECHNICAL PHASES OF THE ART. (D) EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING RESERVOIR WITHIN THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE OF TRAINED OPERATORS, TECHNICIANS, AND ELECTRONIC EXPERTS. (E) CONTINUATION AND EXTENSION OF THE AMATEUR'S UNIQUE ABILITY TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL.

NO PLACE IN THIS PREAMBLE TO PART 97 DOES IT STATE THAT THIS IS A RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE TO BE RADIO OPERATORS BUT IT DOES STATE THAT IT IS A PRIVILEGE THAT MUST BE EARNED BY DISCIPLINED STUDY.

DISCIPLINE, IN MY OPINION, IS THE KEY WORD. WE MUST SHOW THE REGISTRY THAT WE KNOW HOW TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE, NOT JUST TAKE A WRITTEN TEST. DOCTORS, NURSES, PLUMBERS, ELECTRICIANS, BARBERS ETC. DO NOT JUST TAKE WRITTEN EXAMS, THEY MUST ALSO PROVE THEIR PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR CHOSEN FIELD OF ENDEAVOR. THEY ACHIEVE THEIR RIGHT TO A LICENSE BY DISCIPLINED STUDY.

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SCREAMING FOR NO CODE LICENSES ARE IN MY OPINION, LIKE CHILDREN WHO WON'T EAT THE FOOD THAT IS GOOD FOR THEIR GROWTH BUT PREFER ICE CREAM, CANDY, PASTRY ETC. THEY SCREAM, YELL AND POUND THE TABLE UNTIL THEIR PARENTS FOOLISHLY GIVE IN AND LET THEM EAT CAKE. WOULD YOU?

FOOL ME ONCE, SHAME ON YOU. FOOL ME TWICE AND SHAME ON ME. YOU WOULD THINK THAT AFTER THE DEBACLE OF CITIZENS BAND RADIO, WHEN THE FCC JUST THREW UP THEIR HANDS AND STATED IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO POLICE, THAT THEY WOULD BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT LETTING PEOPLE WHO RESISTED A LITTLE DISCIPLINE POLLUTE THE AIR AGAIN.

WHO WOULD WE BE HELPING WITH A NO CODE LICENSE? CERTAINLY NOT AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS, MOST OF US NOW ARE OPERATING "BONZAI BOXES". IF THERE IS A TELEVISION SET, AM-FM RADIO, TAPE RECORDER, HI-FI EQUIPMENT MADE IN THE U.S.A. I DON'T KNOW WHAT MAKE IT IS.

LEARNING MORSE CODE HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, AND AT THE SPEED REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE INTO OUR HOBBY CAN BE LEARNED BY ANYONE. A LITTLE SELF-DISCIPLINE IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED.

I HAVE TAUGHT C.W. CLASSES FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS AT OUR NOVICE/GENERAL CLASSES AND KNOW OF WHAT I SPEAK.

IF SOME OF THE CONIVERS I HAVE MET DURING CLASSES DEDICATED AS MUCH TIME TO LEARNING THE CODE AS TO TRY TO FIND SOME WAY OR SOMEONE WHO WOULD PASS THEM FOR THEIR NOVICE EXAM. I KNOW THEY COULD EASILY LEARN CODE.

EVERY FRATERNITY, CLUB, ASSOCIATION HAS SOME KIND OF ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS. I DOUBT IF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WOULD ALLOW ME TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THEIR GROUP. I SIMPLY DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT QUALIFICATIONS. SO, LETS MAKE THE ABILITY TO SEND AND RECIEVE C.W. AT 5 WORDS PER MINUTE THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATION TO JOIN OUR RANKS.

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER AND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED ABOVE ARE MINE. I WILL GLADLY PUBLISH OPPOSING VIEWS.....JIM.....

**** GOOD NEWS ****

THE ASSOCIATION HAS PURCHASED A LOCKING FILE CABINET TO HOUSE ALL THE ASSOCIATION MEMERABILIA THAT HAS BEEN IN SEVERAL SCATTERED LOCATIONS. WE OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO OUR YL'S KAREN KA1BYP, MARSHA KA1JIR, MARY KA1HGL, MARJI KA1HIA AND OTHERS FOR GOING THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS OF PAPER WORK, PHOTOGRAPHS ETC AND FILING THEM IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, SO, IN FUTURE ANY INTERESTED PARTY CAN QUICKLY LOCATE THE MATERIAL THEY MAY REQUIRE. TNX LADIES.....

GEORGE BLAKESLEE N1GB AND CAROLYNN KA1EAC ARE THE PROUD PARENTS OF THEIR FIRST CHILD, MARSHA LYNN WHO JOINED THE FAMILY AT A BOSTON HOSPITAL ON FEBRUARY 2ND 1983. GEORGE SAYS HE THINKS SHE IS GOING TO BE A HAM TOO AS SHE ALREADY IS SAYING DIT DAH OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT SOUNDS LIKE IT. GOOD LUCK AND GODS BLESSING TO ALL.....

DICK WA1KUG AND MARSHA KA1JIR MARSHALL PROUDLY ANNOUNCE THE ENGAGEMENT OF THEIR DAUGHTER SHARON KA1 JWC TO CHRIS KRONICK ON MARCH 9TH 1983. THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS EXTEND THEIR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUNG COUPLE. SHARON, (ONE OF OUR OWN HOME GROWN AMATEUR OPERATORS) WAS ALSO ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF A SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FROM THE DR. CARLTON CROSBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.....

ROLAND KA1IKP AND ELAINE GIRARD ARE RETURNING HOME TO SWITZERLAND SOON. ROLLIE WAS ONE OF OUR STUDENTS AT THE NOVICE/GENERAL CLASSES AND ALTHOUGH IT'S GOOD NEWS TO ROLLIE AND ELAINE IT'S BAD NEWS FOR US, HE WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO LEND A HAND WHERE NEEDED. I KNOW IT'S SELFISH BUT WE WISH YOU COULD STAY WITH US FOR A WHILE LONGER. BUT THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME.....

WHO SAYS WE ARE NOT AN ERUDITE GROUP, AMONG OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE AUTHORS IS OF COURSE OUR PROFESSIONAL MARC STERN N1BLH WHOSE COLUMN IN THE AUTOMACTIVE SECTION IN THE MIDDLESEX NEWS IS AVIDLY READ BY MOST MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS ALSO HAD MANY ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN RADIO ELECTRONICS, CAR AND DRIVER, RADIO AND COMPUTER ORIENTED PUBLICATIONS..

AN OLD FRIEND AND PAST MEMBER RUNE WANDE SM0COP/KB1Q IS WRITING ARTICLES FOR 73 MAGAZINE IN THE INTERNATIONAL COLUMN ON AMATEUR RADIO IN SWEDEN.....

BOB GETTYS N1BRM HAS AN INTERESTING TECHNICAL ARTICLE IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE "MINUTEMAN", THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MMRA ON A MODIFICATION TO IC-25A (OR MANY OTHER LATE MODEL ICOM RIGS) TO CHANGE THE FREQUENCY FROM THE MICROPHONE. GOOD GOING GENTLEMEN.....

ARTHUR (OUR CORPORATION COUNCEL) AND REBECCA MARSHALL WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON THE 26TH OF APRIL. THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS JOIN IN WISHING YOU MANY, MANY MORE YEARS OF HAPPINESS AND HEALTH.....

ON SATURDAY NIGHT MARCH 26TH THE BANQUET AND DANCE TO CELEBRATE OUR 50TH YEAR AS AN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION WAS HELD IN THE BALLROOM OF THE SHERATON TARA HOTEL AND AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL ATTENDING.

LEW NYMAN K1AZE AND KAREN KA1BYP DID A TREMENDOUS JOB OF PLANNING THE EVENING, CONTACTING PAST MEMBERS, GETTING DONATIONS FOR DOOR PRIZES AND ALL THE OTHER HUNDREDS OF SMALL DETAILS THAT MUST NOT BE OVERLOOKED TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL EVENING OF THIS KIND.

ON A TABLE IN THE REAR OF THE BALLROOM WAS A SAMPLE OF SOME OF THE MEMORABILIA DATING BACK TO WHEN THE ASSOCIATION WAS STARTED. THE ORIGINAL CHARTER SIGNED BY HIRIAM PERCY MAXIM, A BOOK CONTAINING THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETINGS, A VIDEO TAPE, THANKS TO ARNIE ZUNICK K1BPM, OF AN 8 MM FILM MADE OF MEMBERS OPERATING THEIR RIGS IN THE 1930'S PRESERVED FOR US BY WALTER W1RCJ AND OONIE W1ZEN WOODWARD. WALTER A PAST PRESIDENT AND OONIE A PAST SECRETARY ARE STILL MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

THE ENTIRE FESTIVE EVENING WAS VIDEO TAPED BY ARNIE ZUNICK K1BPM AND RICHARD GARABEDIAN KA1IVK, COURTESY OF THE POLAROID CORPORATION. WE HOPE THE PEOPLE WHO ATTEND OUR 75TH BANQUET WILL ENJOY THE VIDEO TAPE OF THE EVENING AS MUCH AS WE ENJOYED THE FILM MADE IN THE LATE 1930'S.

OUR SPECIAL GUESTS FOR THE EVENING WERE GERALD HALL K1TD REPRESENTING THE ARRL WHO PRESENTED US WITH A FRAMED CHARTER CELEBRATING OUR 50 YEARS AS A RADIO CLUB. HE ALSO PRESENTED US ARRL BOOKS WHICH WERE RAFFLED OFF AS DOOR PRIZES. JOHN SULLIVAN W1HHR, ARRL NEW ENGLAND DIVISION DIRECTOR AND RICHARD BEEBE K1PAD ARRL NEW ENGLAND DIVISION VICE DIRECTOR AND SECTION MANAGER FOR EASTERN MASS. GAVE US A FEW WORDS TO HELP US CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY. DAN GIRO W1CTR WAS ALSO AN HONORED GUEST, HE SHOULD BE, DAN HAS BEEN A CONTINUOUS DUES PAYING MEMBER AND PAST OFFICER IN OUR ASSOCIATION SINCE 1934. WE WERE PROUD TO PRESENT HIM WITH A PLAQUE HONORING HIM.

AMONG THE PAST MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ATTENDING THE BANQUET WERE; DAN SCULLY W1HRY, MEL DEWEY W1QVK, GORDON HOPPER W1MEG, BARRY FOOTE K1BTF, WALTER ROBINSON W1RVA, WALTER WOODWARD W1RCJ, OONIE WOODWARD W1ZEN, AL SHAMEKLIS W1HVP, JOHN DeCOLLIBUS W1IOG AND CLIFF WALTON KA1HFI. IF I MISSED SOMEBODY PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

BEAUTIFUL PLAQUES WERE PRESENTED TO THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION TO COMMEMORATE THE EVENT. LEW NYMAN K1AZE, OUR PRESIDENT FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS CERTAINLY DESERVES ONE FOR THE MANY HOURS HE HAS PUT IN BUILDING UP OUR ASSOCIATION FROM FIFTEEN MEMBERS TO OVER ONE HUNDRED AND TEN. REESTABLISHING THE NOVICE/GENERAL CLASSES, RUNNING THE FLEA MARKETS, WORKING ON THE ASSOCIATION STATION, TEACHING AT THE CLASSES AND IN GENERAL PROVING HIMSELF TO BE AN EXCELLENT LEADER. JIM BOATES WA1UEH VICE PRESIDENT AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. RON EGALKA K1YHM OUR TREASURER FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS WHO HAS SO VERY SKILLFULLY MANAGED OUR FUNDS THAT MADE THIS NIGHT POSSIBLE AND THE DR. CARLTON CROSBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP POSSIBLE. HOWARD DAVIS WA1VFJ WHO HAS SERVED AS OUR TREASURER AND THEN SECRETARY FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. MARC STERN N1BLH OUR ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR WHO HAS BROUGHT US THE ENTERTAINMENT AT OUR MEETINGS FOR THE PAST YEAR.

GEORGE BLAKESLEE N1GB WAS PRESENTED A PLAQUE TO HONOR HIM FOR HIS WORK IN SETTING UP AND BEING THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE DR. CARLTON CROSBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

THE INSTRUCTORS OF OUR NOVICE/GENERAL CLASSES WERE ALSO HONORED FOR THEIR UNTIRING EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE PEOPLE TO OUR HOBBY AND TO LEAD THEM TO THEIR GENERAL TICKETS. THEY ARE JIM BOATES WA1UEH, JOHN MACLEOD WA1IGL AND ED WEISS W1XNC. IN YOUR EDITORS OPINION THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PHASES OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS MANY PROJECTS. WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR HOBBY STRONG AND GROWING IF IT IS TO SUCCEED.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, A CHEFS HAT BOLDLY EMBLAZONED WITH "FARA CHEF" WAS PRESENTED TO DICK MARSHALL WAIKUG, OUR CHEF DE CUSINE EXTRODINAIRE, AT THE FIED DAY HOG FEST.

DANCING AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF THE MANY DOOR PRIZES DONATED BY ARRL, RADIO WORLD OF ORISKANY, N.Y., RIVENDELL ASSOCIATES OF RFD 5, WARNER HILL, DERRY, N.H., YORK AIR CONDITIONING, AND RAYTHEON INC. WAS PLAYED BY THE NAT WALSH ORCHESTRA UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OUR OWN ED FREEMAN WAILGO.

YOUR EDITOR WISHES HE HAD LISTENED TO HIS ENGLISH TEACHER WHEN THEY WERE TRYING TO TEACH HIM ADJECTIVES BUT HIS DIM PRAISES WILL HAVE TO DO. IT WAS A REAL OLD FASHIONED, BANG UP, SUPERB EVENING ENJOYED BY ALL ATTENDING AND IF YOU MISSED IT (IT WAS SOLD OUT) YOU MISSED ONE HECK OF A GRAND EVENING.....

**** SOCIAL EVENTS ****

SUNDAY APRIL 10, FARA FLEA MARKET, 214 CONCORD ST. (RTE 126) FRAMINGHAM CIVIC LEAGUE BUILDINGS. DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 AM FOR GENERAL PUBLIC. \$2.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12 ADMITTED FREE WITH ADULT. TALK IN 147.15/.75 AND .52 DIRECT. FOR TABLE RESERVATIONS CALL JON AT 617-877-7166.....

SATURDAY APRIL 16 WELLESLEY ARS HAM RADIO AUCTION..NEW LOCATION..FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 207 WASHINGTON ST. (RTE 16) WELLESLEY, MA AT INTER-SECTION OF RTE 9..CHECK IN AT 10 AM ..AUCTION BEGINS AT 11 AM..TALK IN 147.63/.03 OR .52 FOR INFO CALL 872-5259..COMMISSION \$ 15% \$1 MINIMUM AND A MAXIMUM \$15.00.....

SUNDAY APRIL 17 FLEA MARKET AT THE SOUTH SHORE ARC..HELD AT THE VIKING CLUB..410 QUINCY AVE. BRAINTREE, MA..NEXT TO QUINTREE MALL...\$1 ADMISSION DOORS OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC AT 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM..FOR INFO CALL ED (W1MPT) AT 843-4431.....

**** SWAP AND SHOP ****

FOR SALE: AN ICOM IC-502 6 METER SSB/CW PORTABLE TRANSCIEVER. 3 WATTS PEP OUT WITH NICAD PACK AND CHARGER (12V) FOR FULL PORTABILITY. ASKING PRICE IS \$225.00.....

FOR SALE: A TEN-TEC ARGONAUT 509 80 THRU 10 METER QRP TRANSCIEVER SSB/CW 2 WATTS PEP OUT, WITH 208 C.W. FILTER AND MIKE. ASKING PRICE IS \$250.00 FOR INFO ON ABOVE ITEMS PLEASE CONTACT BOB N1BRM AT 872-9503.....

HA-14 HEATH LINEAR SIMILAR TO SB200, 1000 WATTS PEP SSB INCLUDES A/C POWER SUPPLY (SEPERATE) PRICE IS \$250.00 CONTACT GEORGE WILSON W1OLP, 318 FISHER ST. WALPOLE, MA 02081.....

FOR SALE: A HEATHKIT SB102 TRANSCIEVER WITH C.W. FILTER, SPEAKER SUPPLY AND HAND MIKE. EXTRA TUBES BUT NOT ALL. IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. MANUALS BUILT BY AN EXPERT. ASKING \$325.00 FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ED K1CB AT 762-5148.....

FOR SALE: A 3 ELEMENT 8Ø BEAM. 1Ø DB FORWARD GAIN, 25 DB FRONT TO SIDE REJECTION, 18 DB FRONT TO BACK. TURNING RADIUS 9 1/2 FEET. WILL SURVIVE 8Ø MPH GUSTS. 4 LBS. MAILABLE ANYWHERE IN U.S. \$30.00 OR BEST OFFER. CONTACT A.P. RILFOOL P.O. BOX 3005, FRAMINGHAM MA. 01701.....

CONFUSION SAY: TO GET MAXIMUM ATTENTION, ITS HARD TO BEAT A GOOD BIG MISTAKE.....

**** FLASH ****

BOB DAY WB1FXR IS SITTING AT HIS DESK ANSWERING A LETTER FROM HIS INSURANCE COMPANY.

I AM WRITTING IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR BLOCK NUMBER THREE OF THE ACCIDENT REPORTING FORM. I PUT "POOR PLANNING" AS THE CAUSE OF MY ACCIDENT. YOU SAID IN YOUR LETTER THAT I SHOULD EXPLAIN MORE FULLY AND I TRUST THAT THE FOLLOWING DETAIL WILL BE SUFFICIENT.

I AM AN AMATEUR OPERATOR AND ON THE DAY OF THE ACCIDENT, I WAS WORKING ALONE ON THE TOP SECTION OF MY NEW 80 FOOT TOWER. WHEN I HAD COMPLETED MY WORK, I DISCOVERED THAT I HAD, OVER THE COURSE OF SEVERAL TRIPS UP THE TOWER, BROUGHT UP ABOUT 300 POUNDS OF TOOLS AND SPARE HARDWARE. RATHER THAN CARRY THE NOW UN-NEEDED TOOLS AND MATERIAL DOWN BY HAND, I DECIDED TO LOWER THE ITEMS DOWN IN A SMALL BARREL BY USING A PULLEY, WHICH FORTUNATELY WAS ATTACHED TO THE GIN POLE AT THE TOP OF THE TOWER.

SECURING THE ROPE AT GROUND LEVEL, I WENT TO THE TOP OF THE TOWER AND LOADING THE TOOLS AND MATERIAL INTO THE BARREL. THEN I WENT BACK TO THE GROUND AND UNTIED THE ROPE, HOLDING IT TIGHTLY TO INSURE A SLOW DESCENT OF THE 300 LBS. OF TOOLS. YOU WILL NOTE IN BLOCK NUMBER ELEVEN OF THE ACCIDENT REPORTING FORM, THAT I WEIGH ONLY 165 POUNDS.

DUE TO MY SUPRISE OF BEING JERKED OFF THE GROUND SO SUDDENLY, I LOST MY PRESENCE OF MIND AND FORGOT TO LET GO OF THE ROPE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I PROCEEDED AT A RATHER RAPID RATE OF SPEED UP THE SIDE OF THE TOWER. IN THE VICINITY OF THE 40 FOOT LEVEL, I MET THE BARREL COMING DOWN. THIS EXPLAINS MY FRACTURED SKULL AND BROKEN COLLARBONE. SLOWED ONLY SLIGHTLY, I CONTINUED MY RAPID ASCENT, NOT STOPPING UNTIL THE FINGERS OF MY RIGHT HAND WERE TWO KNUCKLES DEEP INTO THE PULLEY.

FORTUNATELY, BY THIS TIME, I HAD REGAINED MY PRESENCE OF MIND AND WAS ABLE TO HOLD ONTO THE ROPE IN-SPITE-OF-MY PAIN. AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE BARREL OF TOOLS HIT THE GROUND AND THE BOTTOM FELL OUT OF THE BARREL. DEVOID OF THE WEIGHT OF THE TOOLS, THE BARREL NOW WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY 20 POUNDS. I REFER AGAIN TO MY WEIGHT IN BLOCK NUMBER ELEVEN. AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, I BEGAN A RAPID DESCENT DOWN THE SIDE OF THE TOWER. IN THE VICINITY OF THE FORTY FOOT LEVEL, I MET THE BARREL COMING UP. THIS ACCOUNTS FOR THE TWO FRACTURED ANKLES AND THE LACERATIONS OF MY LEGS AND LOWER BODY.

THE ENCOUNTER WITH THE BARREL SLOWED ME ENOUGH TO LESSEN MY INJURIES, WHEN I FELL ONTO THE PILE OF TOOLS AND FORTUNATELY, ONLY THREE VERTEBRAE WERE CRACKED. I AM SORRY TO REPORT, HOWEVER, THAT A I LAY THERE ON THE TOOLS, IN PAIN, UNABLE TO STAND AND WATCHING THE EMPTY BARREL 80 FEET ABOVE ME....I AGAIN LOST MY PRESENCE OF MIND. I LET GO OF THE ROPE.....
.....TNX....ELECTRON ES SUE PETERS KA9GNR.....

**** FLASH ****

THE TWO METER BAND FROM 144.0 TO 144.09 WILL BE OUT OF SERVICE FOR OVER A MONTH DUE TO METEOR DAMAGE ACCORDING TO A TECHNICAL REPORT ISSUED BY THE FCC LAST WEEK.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, A VERY LARGE METEOR ENTERED THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO, SMASHING THROUGH THE VHF REGION, RIPPING A JAGGED HOLE IN THE FREQUENCIES EXTENDING FROM 141.78 TO 144.09. THE FORCE OF THE COLLISION WAS SO POWERFUL THAT SOME MEGAHERTZ FRAGMENTS WERE SCATTERED FROM 107 TO 186 MHZ UP AND DOWN THE BAND, DISRUPTING COMMERCIAL FM, POLICE, AIRCRAFT, PUBLIC SERVICE, AMATEUR AND WEATHER COMMUNICATIONS FOR AN HOUR OR MORE. IN THE MAIN IMPACT AREA, NO COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE POSSIBLE UNTIL REPAIRS ARE MADE. THE FCC HAS ASKED ALL OPERATORS TO TURN OFF THEIR RADIOS AND USE THE TELEPHONE,.....TNX....WARS.....